

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the 2nd full paragraph on page 3 line 15 with the following paragraph.

The stream [[steam]] controls pertaining to the contractual framework between the manager of the network and the subscriber are thus decentralized, thereby avoiding the need for the concentrating router to take on all the diversity of the operations demanded by the various subscriptions. The mechanism for signing the packets guarantees to the manager of the network that the subscriber, who is furnished with the access interface at his premises, does not send him packets which have not been subjected to the stream control operations, that is to say which have sidestepped the police and billing functions.